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The Entire National Guard Called Out in New York.

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READING.

A Gloomy Outlook in Reading—The Rioters to be Armed to-Night—Proclamation by the Mayor—The Sheriff Closing the Drinking Saloons—Arrival of United States Troops.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

It looks now as if the rioters will be armed to-night. The mayor has issued a proclamation, so has the sheriff. The former went around town this morning and closed up all the drinking saloons. Business is entirely suspended here to-day.

Second Dispatch from Reading—The Military Have Taken Their Arms and Fraternized With the Mob.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

Things look very bad here. A number of members of the 4th regiment belonging to the Norristown company have just passed Penn street in the midst of the mob of rioters, with whom they have fraternized. The Norristown company have thrown their arms away, and are now in the hands of the mob, and the soldiers are distributing their ammunition among them.

PITTSBURG.

The Strikers in Possession of the Fort Wayne and Chicago Road—Colonel Scott's Life Threatened by the Commune.

PITTSBURG, July 24.—The strikers on the Fort Wayne and Chicago road have possession of the road, and are running the passenger trains, turning the money over to the company. The citizens are arming rapidly this morning, and reporting for duty to General Sweetser. The city is under military guard. The strikers on the Pennsylvania road have posted up a card addressed to Colonel Scott, threatening his life if he does not soon accede to their demands.

Third Dispatch—The End Not Yet at Pittsburgh—The Attempt to Burn the Ursuline Convent and Other Buildings—The Rioters are Replied by the Military—The Cars and Engines of the Fort Wayne Road in Danger.

PITTSBURG, July 24.—The rioters attempted to burn down the Ursuline convent in this city, but were prevented by the military. The rioters attempted to fire several other buildings, (private property), but were repulsed by the military. Fears are entertained that the mob will destroy the cars and engines of the Fort Wayne railroad, lying on the track for twenty miles out of the city.

STILL RIOTING IN READING.

Arrival of Troops and Ammunition—Threats to Burn all Railroad Property and Kill all Eastern Troops to-Night.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

An engine came in at 3 o'clock this morning with 4,000 rounds of ball cartridges hid under the coal in its tender. Five companies of the Sixteenth regiment and two from Couchsack arrived at the break in the track and were marched up to the depot.

They were cheered by the crowd as the report was circulated that they would not fire on the rioters. A number of police who were wounded were forwarded to Allentown this morning. As the 10th regiment marched to the depot they were loudly cheered. The Eastern Grays, however, were received with yells and hisses. The troops marched along through the streets instead of through the cut as last night.

A brick fire of bricks was kept up by the mob on the 4th regiment. Several of the Eastern Grays were injured. The troops were in readiness to protect a restoration of the track, but no workmen appeared, and they marched back to the depot. The rioters threaten to burn all railroad property to-night and to kill the Eastern Grays. The list of killed in last night's fight foot up thirteen, and forty-two wounded. Two of the killed, John Cassidy and A. Weaver, were rioters. The Philadelphia trains did not go out this morning, but one arrived from Potomac.

PHILADELPHIA.

All Quiet in the City—The Good Effect of the President's Proclamation.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

The situation at West Philadelphia remains very quiet to-night. All passenger trains are moving regularly on the main line and on the New York division, and the company claim to have re-established the freight traffic between Philadelphia and New York, but have not attempted to move any freight West, and it is not probable that any movement will be made in that direction until matters become more settled on the western end of the road. It is evident that the proclamation of President Hayes has had the effect to clear the highway in the vicinity of the depot. None but those having business about the depot are seen on the streets, and everything is now peaceful and quiet. The pickets are still stationed along the tracks up from the depot and beyond Mantua.

SCRANTON.

Great Uneasiness in the Lehigh Valley—Iron Works, Mines and Railroads Idle.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

The firemen on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Delaware and Hudson and Lehigh and Susquehanna railroads struck at 6 o'clock this evening, their demand for a restoration of the ten per cent. in their wages having been refused. The men in the employ of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company, to the number of fifteen hundred, struck work for an increase of wages at noon to-day. The mines are thrown idle, and considerable uneasiness is felt throughout the valley. Mayor McKean has issued an appeal to the citizens to uphold law and order.

POTTSVILLE.

All Coal Trains Blocked—More Miners on Strike.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

No coal trains were leaving the region on account of the blockade at Reading. The mines are blocked with coal. A general suspension of mining operations in this region commenced this morning. At Shenandoah the miners of the Philadelphia Coal Company, numbering over 100 men, struck against a reduction of wages, ranging from 10 to 25 per cent., yesterday.

DANVILLE.

Workingmen Demanding Bread or Blood and Searching the City for Arms.

they would give the citizens of Danville until 10 o'clock to-morrow to furnish the men with work or bread, and if nothing was done for them by that time they would take bread wherever they could find it.

The accession of the borough council at its special meeting last night that work would be furnished the distressed men at the rate of eighty cents per day two days of the week was not accepted by the men. They claim that \$1.50 per week is not sufficient to keep them and families from starving. Contrary to all hope and expectation the mob reorganized this morning, and several inflammatory speeches were made. About noon the mob made a descent on a building in which it was supposed arms belonging to the disbanded military organization were held, but succeeded in securing but two or three old muskets.

Some one started a report that the arms were stored in the third story of the badly building, corner of Mill and North Second streets, for which place the excited mob rushed, followed by boys and women, while the alarmed citizens, fully aroused to a sense of their peril, looked on, vainly endeavoring to decide upon which danger could be averted. Arriving at the entrance leading to the third story of the badly building, the mob was met and refused admission by Police Officers King and Epling and ex-Secretary of the city, who were in the building, whose office is in the second floor of the building.

Threats were made that unless admission was granted to the third story, the building would be burned down. The mob was then dispersed, and the crowd, which numbered about twenty at different corners. No further demonstrations have been made, although the excitement is still intense. The borough council meets again this evening, and if their action is not favorable it is expected that stirring scenes will be witnessed in Danville.

Second Dispatch—The Mob Stop a Mixed Train at Albany, and After Detaching the Freight Cars Permit the Train to Proceed.

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NEW JERSEY.

Men on the Central Railroad of New Jersey Notified to Quit Work.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

The train hands on the Central railroad of New Jersey and its branches have been notified by the signal committee to do no service for the company after 4 o'clock to-morrow morning.

CHICAGO.

All Railroad and Many Other Workshops Closed by the Commune—All Street Cars Stopped to-Day.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

The mob which closed the workshops of the railroads this morning continued its labors during the afternoon, buying itself with closing up manufactories and all shops which lay in their way. The protesters generally offered no objections, it being pretty generally understood that the men would return and go to work whenever deemed advisable. The track, which at this time carried a thousand, but which was often divided into sections, was composed largely of boys between fourteen and twenty, but acting under direction from older hands. All railroad shops, including the Northwestern, are now closed, and the strikers are merely engaged now in stopping freight trains.

As yet no passenger, mail or express trains have been interfered with. Among the establishments closed up are the workshops of the Michigan Central, Illinois Central, Chicago and Alton, Northwestern, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroads. All the men connected with the freight business on these roads are either quit voluntarily or through compulsion.

Besides these, the rabble visited and caused to suspend operations Campbell Brothers' mill, Holmewick & Hemmer's stone yard, Palmer & Fuller's mill, door and window frame, furniture factory, Schutte's wagon manufactory, Northwestern Home Shoe Nail Company and many others. The mayor's secretary is this afternoon awaiting in special police in great numbers.

The mayor issued a proclamation this afternoon reciting the state of affairs, and calling on citizens to aid in enforcing the law and suppressing riot, and who it has been feared, are patrolling in the various neighborhoods, and that women and children keep off the streets. He adds that the city government has made no concessions to the strikers, and that the law is in full force, and that the city is in a very dangerous state of excitement. The employees have been very moderate in the conduct of their meeting, and last evening passed resolutions denouncing the State-house meeting, and state that they desire to settle their own case, and do so.

ST. LOUIS.

The City Authorities Powerless to Act Against the Strikers.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

The executive committee of the strikers have rescinded the order to prevent passenger trains leaving East St. Louis, and it is likely some of the trains will leave this evening, but some of the companies will refuse to turn a wheel. General Wilson, who is at the St. Louis and South Eastern railroad has made a formal request of Mayor Bowman to arrest strikers, which the mayor refuses to do, giving as a reason that his military duty prevents him. Wilson was much incensed, and wants Bowman to send for militia, which he refuses to do unless under inquiry from Governor Culbert.

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They refused, and were given until 4 o'clock to finally decide. Another party went into the machine shop on Grand avenue and made the same demand on the men in the factory, who also declined to stop working, saying their demand upon the company for the restoration of the old wages had been promptly acceded to, and they were in honor bound to abide by it, and were determined to stand by the company. The strikers then retired and the men at the shop continued their work.

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CANADA.

Two Hundred Men Idle at St. Thomas, Ont. By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

asked to take no action until his return, and in the meantime the reduction circular would be suspended. The leaders in the movement refused to accept any assurances, and accordingly the strike, which was at first arranged to take place at 7 o'clock to-night, occurred to-day. The striking firemen and brakemen visited the workshops and ordered the employees to quit work. Personal violence was threatened to those who hesitated. None was sent along the line to train-men to stop the trains wherever they were. About 200 men are on a strike here.

ALBANY.

West Albany in Possession of Tramps and Thieves—Trouble Immediately Expected.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The New York Central railroad sent out its passenger trains as usual. Those going west of Buffalo are sent by way of Niagara Falls. The mob are in possession of West Albany, being almost altogether strangers, tramps and thieves. The officers say if they are properly disposed of there will be no trouble among their own men. The military have been under arms, expecting to be called out. All is quiet in this city.

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each day daily, but that they will make no effort to carry passengers. The Loganport road sent out a locomotive with a mail car this morning. The railroads upon which traffic is stopped are the Vandalia, the Indiana and St. Louis, the Illinois Midland, the Terre Haute and Danville, and the Terre Haute and Loganport. There has been no rioting or violence, and scarcely any drinking.

A message was received by the strikers to-day offering the services of three hundred miners at Brazil, but the offer was declined. The railroad managers seem disposed to avoid in every possible way a collision with the strikers and to await developments elsewhere. President Collett, of the Terre Haute and Danville road, who is absent from this city, telegraphed that if the force on his road was dissatisfied and wished to strike, to take off the rails, close the yards, lock the doors and nail up the gates. It is now believed that the largest manufacturing establishments will close for lack of coal.

SYRACUSE.

A Quiet but Determined Strike at East Syracuse—Praiseworthy Conduct of the Strikers.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

The freight conductors, firemen and brakemen at East Syracuse struck this afternoon. The following dispatch was sent:

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When passenger or mail trains are abandoned it is done by the managers of the road. All trains have been so abandoned east of this city on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad. The city authorities are actively engaged in preparations against any possible outbreak. All the surplus State arms have been stored in the fort. Three companies of the 23d United States Infantry are expected here to-morrow from the plains. There is little or no excitement at present.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Fearful Powder Explosion at Concord—Four Buildings of the American Powder Company Destroyed.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

Four buildings of the American Powder Company at Concord Junction exploded this morning with a terrible report. Twenty-five men were employed in the buildings, but during a brief interval between the first and second explosion nearly all of them escaped being killed or injured. Phineas Kiehl and Charles Drew, both married, were dangerously hurt, and are now in a critical condition. The explosion attracted a great crowd.

BORNEVILLE.

Twelve Hundred Troops in the City—Things at a Standstill.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

The remainder of the 23d regiment, of Brooklyn, arrived at 8 p. m. Upon reaching Borneville they found the track torn up by the train advance. It was so bad, but the strikers, moving forward, tore up more. A squad of soldiers was ordered to proceed ahead, and they dispersed the crowd. The military, numbering about 1,200, are now in the city, and no mails or from town. Engineers, conductors and shopmen hold aloof from the strikers.

VIRGINIA.

Railroaders Conclude Not to Strike.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

Employees of the Chesapeake and Ohio and Piedmont air line, and Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac railroad, signed papers in deposition of the railroad affairs North and West, and asserting their intention not to strike.

Many Stolen Goods Recovered and a Large Number of the Ring Leaders Arrested.

PITTSBURG, July 24.—The city has quieted. The usual business is gradually recovering from the effects of the strike. The home military and citizens' vigilance committee are doing effective work. During the day a large number of the ring leaders in the riot were arrested, and a large amount of goods carried off by the strikers were recovered. Arrests were made without resistance being offered. Forty prisoners were marched to the penitentiary, under escort of one company of Washington Infantry, without any attempt at escape being made.

At 7 o'clock this evening the remains of the four Philadelphia military killed in the riot were escorted to the depot by Duquesne Grays regiment. The workers in Jones & Langhill's extensive iron works and the miners along the line of Castle Shannon railroad quit work. The men have made no demonstration, and none is expected while the city is under martial law. Governor Hartranft arrived here this afternoon, and is making every effort to restore the peace of the State.

More of the Missing Philadelphia Turn Up All Safe.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 24.—The following named members of Philadelphia militia, who have been missing since the riot, were found and returned to their homes. They were found by the militia, and returned to their homes. They were found by the militia, and returned to their homes.

Fears of a Collision in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 24.—It is probable that Judge Graham, of the United States Circuit Court, will this evening or to-morrow exercise his authority over the I. C. and L. and I. and R. and W. railroads, whose receivers were appointed by him, and will direct the United States Marshal to aid the receivers in moving trains. This may bring about a collision with the strikers. So far the strikers have not been opposed, and nothing attempted to test the extent of the determination; therefore, all is quiet.

Findings of the Lost General Pearson—General Brinton Uninjured.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 24.—The report that General Brinton had been injured at Pittsburgh is unfounded, a dispatch to that effect having been received here. A dispatch has also been received from Major General Pearson, stating that he is all right. Seventy-five men of the second regiment, under Lieutenant Stern, are at the depot, to-night awaiting transportation to join their regiment.

Collision on the Sea Board and Roanoke Railroad.

By Telegraph to THE REPUBLICAN.

decidedly serious, and much alarm prevails among the citizens.

All Quiet in New York.

NEW YORK, July 24, 3:40 p. m.—The 9th regiment, strong organization, leaves for Albany at 4 p. m. No interference with the mails for New England, and Southwestern States mails for the West, Southwest and Middle States are dispatched by way of Canada on the New York Central and Great Western railroads. The mayor and police authorities do not anticipate any trouble in this city.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., July 24.—All quiet.

A Train Stopped on the New York Central.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 24.—A train from New York, when passing through this city west, was stopped at Spencer street and again at two points between here and West Albany. No men were hurt. All the tracks at East Albany are in good order at this writing, and there are no signs of strikers.

Six Hundred Regulars in Reading.

READING, Pa., July 24.—Gen. Hancock, with six hundred regulars, arrived in this city at 8 o'clock this evening. They have their camp equipage and provisions, and intend to stay till order is restored, but no riotous demonstrations of any consequence occurred to-day.

Strike of the Washburn Men.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 24.—The Washburn men on the Washburn railroad at noon to-day. The freight trains have all been stopped, but passenger trains are allowed to run as usual. A committee will meet Mr. Hopkins at Lafayette to-night to consider the difference. All is quiet about the depot here.

A Commemorative Gathering in Allentown.